

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 954

WHEREAS, Steven E. Simmons, deputy executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation, has demonstrated great dedication to public service throughout a tenure with the agency spanning nearly three decades; and

WHEREAS, Born in Houston, Mr. Simmons earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Houston in 1981, and he joined the Northwest Harris/Waller Area Office of the Texas Department of Transportation as a project manager the following year; he went on to become a licensed professional engineer and was appointed deputy district engineer for the Houston District in 1993; five years later, he was named district engineer for the Fort Worth District, and under his leadership, the staff won the annual Design Excellence Award for a Metropolitan District three times in a row; moreover, he addressed transit issues as a member of the Regional Transportation Council of the North Central Texas Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, He has served as his agency's deputy executive director for almost 10 years; he is a member of the civil engineering advisory boards for The University of Texas at Arlington and the University of Houston, and in 2005, he became the first recipient of the University of Houston Engineering Alumni Association's Distinguished Young Engineering Alumnus Award to also receive the school's Distinguished Engineering Alumnus Award; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Simmons enjoys the support and encouragement of his wife, Lisa, and their children, Chris and Phillip; he is an Eagle Scout and participates in scouting activities with his two sons, and he also enjoys golf and woodworking; and

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WHEREAS, Through his hard work and commitment to excellence, Steven Simmons has benefited the Texas Department of Transportation and his fellow citizens, and it is indeed fitting to recognize his contributions at this time; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby honor Steven E. Simmons for his service to the Texas Department of Transportation and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Simmons as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on May 10, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate